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Dear Lowell:

We have reviewed Genwal Coal Company's response to our conditions for approval of the Tract 2 Mine and Reclamation Plan set forth in our December 1, 1986, letter to OSM (attached).

Tract 2 Conditions (Letter of December 1, 1986)

The subject revisions to the Plan have adequately addressed items 1 - 11.  
Items 12 and 13 have not been addressed as follows:

Item 12: This item referred back to our November 15, 1986, letter to OSM regarding the Tract 1 Mid-Term Review (item 10). In this letter, we provided Forest Service instream flow claims for the mouth of Crandall Creek. This claim is the minimum instream flow needed for the purposes of the National Forest at that point. Genwal Coal Company needs to extrapolate the minimum instream flow, as shown in item 6 of the claim, to their point of diversion, subject to review by the Forest Service and State. While water diversion is occurring, the minimum instream flow must be allowed to pass the point of diversion.

Treatment of the road for dust suppression and water use must be discussed in the Mine and Reclamation Plan.

Item 13: The presence or absence of the sensitive plant *Hedysarum occidentale* var. *canone* in the permit area must be confirmed. If it is found to grow within the permit area, it must be mapped and identified for protection.

Sediment Pond (Letter of April 14, 1987)

A copy of our April 14, 1987, letter to Andy King of Genwal Coal Company regarding the sediment pond was attached with Genwal's response. A copy is attached for reference. Genwal Coal Company must include items 2 and 3 in the Mine and Reclamation Plan. As discussed in item 1, a field review of Section C-C was conducted by the Forest. The potential for "drag effect" failure was determined to be low, therefore, removal of the natural steep embankment will not be necessary.

Mid-Term Review, Tract 1 (Letter of November 15, 1986)

We have not received a response regarding our comments on the Tract 1 Mid-Term Review that were identified in our November 15, 1986, letter.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,



for  
A. J. FRANSEN  
Acting Forest Supervisor

Enclosures